



Robert Horace Mitchell

March 9, 1942 - November 19, 2021

Robert Horace Mitchell was born to Sarah Parham (nee. Phelps) and Horace Mitchell in Maxeys, GA on March 9, 1942. He was the second of six children for Sarah.

At the tender age of 9, he and his family moved north to Detroit, Michigan. There he developed an entrepreneurial prowess by starting his own shoeshine stand and then later delivering local newspapers where he became known affectionately as "Paper Boy."

He attended Western High School where he participated in ROTC and developed his passion to serve in the military.

After high school, Robert proudly enlisted and served in the U.S. Army where his tours included Vietnam and Desert Storm. After actively serving two terms in the Army, he retired and enlisted into the U.S. Air Force Reserves as a Civil Engineer. In 2002, he retired as a Master Sergeant after 29 years of service.

While serving in the military, Robert met the love of his life, Fay. Fay and Robert were married in April 1969 and from that union had four children.

In the civilian world, he worked as a Relief Inspector for the USDA in Michigan. In 2001, Robert received a promotion and he and his family relocated to Perrysburg, Ohio and a few years later became members of First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg. This promotion gave him the opportunity to travel extensively throughout Michigan and Ohio, which he loved, in addition to continuing his education at various universities including Texas A and M.

He retired from the USDA after 41 faithful years of inspecting.

After retiring, Robert spent his free time doing the things he loved such as gardening, fishing, reading, cooking, playing the lotto and the "one arm bandit" at the casino, watching boxing, and most of all spending time and making memories with his friends and family by traveling the world, telling corny jokes and taking tons of pictures and video recordings.

On November 19, 2021, Robert transitioned peacefully while at home.

Robert leaves behind his wife Fay; his children Robert (Bobby) Jr., Damion and wife JaWanda, and Gillian; grandchildren Bryce, Jalen, Kyla and Darius (DJ); siblings Barbara, Horace, and Betty Ann; and numerous friends and relatives who deeply mourn his loss.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, his son Jason, and his siblings Julia, Wylie, Ada, Jacqueline, and Jerome.

Friends may visit on Tuesday, November 30th from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Pye Funeral Home, 17600 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, MI 48227. Family visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. followed by Funeral services, in the mortuary, on Wednesday, December 1st at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be at Grandlawn Cemetery in Detroit.

Coyle Funeral Home and O.H. Pye Funeral home are assisting the family with arrangements. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Live-streaming of the service can be viewed on YouTube under O.H. PYE III Ch4: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCtiS16ETKLnG1CdtI088o8Q>

Cemetery Details

Grand Lawn Cemetery

Previous Events

Family Visitation

DEC 1. 9:30 AM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 10:00 AM.

mortuary

Tribute Wall

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“ *Uncle Robert h Mitchell From your loving niece
Donielle Suzette Mitchell I just wanted to say I
love you and I miss you uncle I'm so sorry I
couldn't attend your service!!.*



Donielle Suzette Mitchell - December 01, 2021 at 10:42 AM

VW

“ *Dear Mrs Fay Mitchell & Family*

*Please know I send my sympathy and condolences during this time
Robert will truly be missed your memory will be cherished. You left
A beautiful legacy behind. John 3:16*

Rev. Georgia B. Webster and Family

vanessa webster - December 01, 2021 at 10:32 AM



“ *Dear Fay and family,*

*We were deeply saddened to hear about the loss of Robert. You are
in our prayers. Wishing we were closer so we could grieve,
remember, and celebrate his life by your side (and deliver some big
hugs too!). Our hope is in the resurrection. God's peace and comfort
be with you all.*

The Bearden's

Alex Bearden - November 30, 2021 at 11:04 AM

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“ *Delbert J. Duckins, Sr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Horace Mitchell.*



Delbert J. Duckins, Sr. - November 30, 2021 at 08:56 AM

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“ *Fay and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Robert was such a warm and caring person. I actually enjoyed his jokes when I was privileged to hear one. Robb and I thank you all for the sacrifice you made for Robert's military service. We know families serve in their own way too. His service was very commendable. He will be missed.*

We won't be able to join you in Michigan due to schedule conflicts but know you will be in our thoughts.

Nancy Gates - November 29, 2021 at 11:07 AM